Fall sale dates set

By JAMES A. SMITH
Extension Agent

Fall feeder cattle sale dates have been set. Lynchburg: Holstein Steers - September 3; Yearling Steers and Heifers - September 10; Feeder Calf Sales - October 1 and 22; Yearling and Calf Sale - November 5.

Farmville Calf Sale - September 25.

Information on sale requirements will be available later. We do not have a list of those grazing Holstein Steers. If you have Holstein steers that you wish to consider putting in the sale, please let us know so that appropriate information can be forwarded.

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Unofficially, we recorded 2.18 inches of rain in May. Normal rainfall for May is 3.86.

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Friday, June 12, is the 40th anniversary of the Tree Farm System.

If you have about 10 acres of forest land and are willing to follow recommended forestry practices, your place could become a tree farm.

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On June 24 at 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., there will be a tobacco clinic at this office. If you have tobacco problems related to agronomic practices, diseases, disorders, insects, weeds, etc., you will want to attend this clinic.

We will have extension specialists here to assist you. Please bring plant samples and/or soil samples in question.

This can be an important learning experience for tobacco producers.

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Weather fleck is showing up in quite a few tobacco plant beds. This problem is caused by phytotoxicants in the air with ozone being the principle causal agent. Weather fleck will first occur on mature bottom leaves.

There is no chemical control.

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There should be seed wheat of the two new varieties this fall. Plan now to seed a few acres.

Three year results show Tyler averages 60.5 bushels with a test weight of 57.5 pounds.

Wheeler averaged 55.2 bushels and tested 59.6 pounds per bushel.

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There's a new insecticide for home and gardens called Thiogard 3. While it is not as safe as Sevin or Malathion, it is effective for stinkbugs on tomatoes and pickleworms and melon worms on cucurbits. Take the precautions listed on the label. I believe it has a place.

What has been done is, to take Thiodan and dilute it to a 9% emulsifiable concentrate, making it fairyl safe for the small user.

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Farmer's Newaline is a 60 second summary and a popular telephone report available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. This is an effort from USDA to help you keep on top of the latest agricultural estimates and analysis.

On June 1 the number changed from an 800 number to a 900 number. Once it was a free call; now there is a 50c charge.

A free listing of subjects is available. Subjects such as: June 5, 6, 7 - Soybean Update; June 15 - Cattle on Feed; June 16 - Cattle on Feed analysis; June 23 - Grain stocks analysis; June 24 - Hog and pig analysis.

Call 900-976-0404 for this useful information.

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That portion of the Ridomil label relating to rotational crops has created some concern. It reads: "If replanting is necessary, tobacco may be replanted immediately. Do not make a second application of Ridomil. Tobacco, corn or root crops may be planted the year following treatment. Small grain cover crops may be planted during the fall following treatment provided they are plowed down and not used for food or feed. Other crops may be planted 18 months following application."

Small grain can be killed and used for sod planting corn.

Hopefully, this portion of the label will be altered, but don't count on it for this fall.

Picnic table stolen

Sandy and Gary Compton of Concord are a most accomodating couple. If the person or persons who 'borrowed' the picnic table from the area in front of Compton's business, THE COUNTRY CUPBOARD on this past Saturday evening would please return the table, the Comptons would donate one pound of cheese, one pound of bologna and one loaf of bread so that the 'borrower' can finish the picnic!

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55,000 acres expected

Tobacco harvest set

By TOM CONRAD

Farmers to harvest 55,000 acres of flue tobacco - Virginia farmers are expected to harvest 55,000 acres of flue-cured tobacco this year, according to USDA's Crop Reporting Board's March intentions report. The 1981 plantings compare with 51,000 acres in 1980 and 52,000 acres in 1979.

Price support will be made available to eligible producers through loans made to producer associations under contracts with the Commodity Credit Corporation. To be eligible, farmers must certify that they have not used restricted pesticides such as DDT, TDE, toxaphene and endrin on their tobacco.

Tobacco producers with acreage allotments or acreage poundage marketing quotas are required to certify their planted acreage.

Associations to which loans are made are authorized to withhold one cent per pound from the advances to producers, to help defray association administration costs.

Nationwide, growers expect to harvest 939 thousand acres of tobacco during 1981, 3 percent more than in 1980. Included in this tobacco acreage total are 531 thousand acres of flue-cured, 321 thousand acres of burley, 24 thousand acres of fire-cured, 21 thousand acres of southern Maryland, 10.2 thousand acres of dark air-cured, 14.5 thousand acres of cigar-filled, 14.8 thousand acres of cigar-binder and 2,800 acres of cigar-wrapper.

Loan Rates For 1981 Crops - Loan rates for 1981 crops are as follows: Wheat - $3.17 per bushel; Barley - $1.93 per bushel; Corn - $2.61 per bushel; Grain Sorghum - $4.11 per cwt.; Rye - $2.18 per bushel; Soybeans - $5.02 per bushel; Oats - $1.57 per bushel.

Under the Commodity Loan Program, farmers who harvest one or more of the above crops and will not sell or feed right away, may apply for the loan at the ASCS office. The period of the loan is 9 months and the current interest rate is 14.5%. The interest rate is subject to change as of October 1.

Additional details can be obtained at the ASCS Office.

June 30 Crop Reports - Farmers are reminded that June 30 is the deadline for reporting corn and /or grain sorghum under wheat and feed grain program. By reporting, a farmer can become eligible for deficiency and disaster payments.

June 30 is also the final date to report fire-sun, flue and Maryland tobacco acreage. Tobacco acreages must be reported as a condition for price support on all tobacco except for Maryland.

Deficiency payments will be made to eligible producers if the national weighted average market price received by farmers, during the first five months of the marketing year is below the target price. This payment rate will be the difference between the applicable target price and the higher of the five month weighted national average price received by all farmers, or the national loan rate. The deficiency payment will be determined by multiplying the payment rate times the farm program acreage times the farm program yield established for the farm.

Disaster payments will be made to producers if a disaster reduces to production of either corn, sorghum, wheat, or barley to less than 60 percent of the farm program yield of the crop times the acreage planted for harvest. The payment calculation is 50 percent of the target price for the deficit in production below the 60-percent level.

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Happiness is 4-H

Appomattox 4-H'ers will leave for 4-H Camp at Holiday Lake next Monday morning. The group will assemble for registration at Appomattox Primary School at 9:00 a.m. and will arrive at the camp by about 10:30 a.m. 4-H'ers will return to Appomattox Primary School on Friday afternoon, June 19, at about 2:30 p.m. Approximately 140 4-H'ers have registered to attend 4-H Camp this summer.

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4-H'ers turned in 127 June is Dairy Month Posters last week in the Annual 4-H Poster Contest. The theme for 1981 was "The Magic of Milk." Top winners in the age 9-11 group were: 1st-Zane Torrence, 2nd-Beth Carter and 3rd-Stephanie Fanney. In the 12-14 age group 1st-P.D. Myrick, 2nd-Jennifer Coleman and 3rd-Anne Hancock. The winner in the 15-18 age group was Blair Smith.

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The outstanding in-school 4-H clubs were recognized last week at Appomattox Elementary School and Pamplin Elementary School. Classes receiving top awards at AES were Mrs. Berryman's 4th grade, Mrs. Humphries 5th grade and Mrs. Eye's 6th grade. The most outstanding class at Pamplin Elementary was Mrs. Dickerson's 5th grade.

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Kelly Webber, secretary in Mr. Seymour's class at Pamplin Elementary School, was recognized last week as the Outstanding 4-H Officer for the 1980-81 year. Kelly received a pen and pencil set for her accomplishments.

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Twelve 4-H'ers and two chaperones from Rock County, Wisconsin will be visiting in Appomattox during the week of July 6-12. The group will be in Appomattox as the first portion of a two-year 4-H Interstate Exchange program. While in Appomattox, the group will be living with 4-H families and will be involved in several special activities, including a tour of Monticello, hiking trip to the Peaks of Otter and local trips to Holiday Lake 4-H Center and the Appomattox Historical Park. During the summer of 1982, a group of Appomattox 4-H'ers will travel to Wisconsin.

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The Piedmont Area Junior Livestock Show will be held in Farmville at the Five County Fairgrounds on Thursday of this week. The show involves beef steers, beef heifers, market lambs and market hogs. Participating in the show from Appomattox will be Kenneth McClenny, Ronald Thoma, Glen McClenny, Dean Jamerson and Michelle Taylor.

Soil Conservation

McClenny attends class on public information

Robert McClenny, Jr., local conservationist with the Soil Conservtion Service, (SCS), has just completed a workshop on Public Information techniques at Clarion State College, Clarion, Pa. The workshop was devoted to using photography, planning slide shows, writing news and feature articles and using local television.

"We've got to do a better job of selling the public on conservation. Too many people, including farmers, are not aware of our deteriorating soil and water resources," McClenny says.

"This is the most intensive training on information I have received in my fifteen years with SCS," McClenny adds.

McClenny is a 1959 graduate VPI's School of Agriculture. He directs the SCS conservation program in Appomattox and Campbell Counties and the City of Lynchburg. His office is located with the Robert E. Lee Soil Conservation District office in Appomatox.

Pamela Chilton

Pamela Chilton honored on graduation

Pamela Chilton of Philadelphia, Pa., is now an Assistant District Attorney for the City of Philadelphia.

After her May 16 graduation from the Widener Law College of Pennsylvania, Pamela accepted this position where she had worked for the past six years; the last four of which she was also a full time night student at the college.

Pamela attended St. Paul's College in Lawrenceville, Va. She received her B.S. & B.A. degrees from Temple University in Philadelphia.

In her young life Pamela has expressed her curiosity and vivacity by working at many diversified jobs; always to resign for something more challenging. Her vacious position included bank clerk, financial adviser, communication specialist, the U. S. Army, and airline hostess.

She has considered specializing in corporation law.

She is the daughter of Thomas A. and Hilda M. Chilton of Appomattox, fromerly of Philadelphia, Pa.

Chesnut Grove News

Mrs. Ruth Beasley, also Mr. and Mrs. David Woodall and family; Mr. and Mrs. Lathan Falls, Jennifer and Sharon Flowers, Mrs. Odell Kirby, all of Farmville attended the Dunkum reunion at the Gun and Rod Hunt Club on the James River near Williamsburg Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dowdy of Powhatan; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Blackwell of Mechanicsville; Mrs. Jackie O'Brien and Patsy O'Brien, both of Richmond attended church services Sunday at Chestnut Grove Baptist Church and afterwards had picnic lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Berkley O'Brien.

H. Flood Harris of Green Bay visited Mr. and Mrs. Russell L. Harris Thursday and was supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny M. Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cook spent the weekend with Wayne Cook in Richmond and also visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Barton and on Sunday attended services at Grove Avenue Baptist Church. Enroute home they stopped by Mr. and Mrs. William L. Carter's in Burkeville.

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Morris and baby of Curdsville were Mr. and Mrs. Johnny M. Harris and boys and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Morris, Kathi, Sandi, and Sarah.

Vacation Bible School will be in progress this week at Chestnut Grove Baptist Church beginning June 8.

ATTENTION!! Have you had your pressure cooker gauge tested? If not bring only the top to the Chestnut Grove Church basement Monday June 8 from 12:00 noon to three p.m. Myra Bracey will be there to check them.

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Morris were Mr. and Mrs. Luther Walden of Lynchburg, and Will Gilliam of Rustburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Morgan of Andersonville were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Don Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny M. Harris and boys visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Waycaster of Dillwyn Sunday.

The Chestnut Grove Homemakers Club will not have a meeting in the month of June.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Morris visited Mrs. Ester T. Forbes of Andersonville Sunday.

Becky Morris spent Sunday afternoon with Amy Waycaster of Farmville.

Mrs. K. M. Beasley, Jr. spent Saturday night with her mother, Mrs. Katherine Carson at Spout Spring.

Oakville Ruritans plan market

The second Flea Market sponsored by the Oakville Ruritan Club will be held Saturday, June 13, at the Oakville School, 5 miles north of Appomattox on Rt. 26.

Flea markets are scheduled to be held throughout the summer on the second Saturday of each month. The first one held in May was a resounding success, according to Club officials. Several hundred people came to look and buy in spite of the inclement weather, and more than 20 sellers participated. An even larger crowd is expected for the June affair.

Brunswick stew, hamburgers and hot dogs will be available on the grounds. Operative hours will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Concord Ruritan event

July 4th parade set

The Concord Ruritan Club is planning a July Fourth parade this year, according to G. Hunter Jones, parade chairman.

Since the Fourth falls on a Saturday this year, a big turnout is expected for the event, according to Jones.

The Concord Rescue Squad is celebrating its tenth anniversary and will be featured in the parade, Jones adds.

The parade is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. The assembly point will be at the Concord Elementary School. Anyone desiring to join the parade should have their float at the staging area by 1:30 p.m. so that a position in the parade can be assigned. An entry fee of $2 per float will be charged to cover the incidental expenses connected with the cost of the parade.

No prior registration is required and everyone building a float or participating in the parade will be provided a place.

No cash prizes are being offered since the parade is not being promoted as a money making project. However, first, second, and third place ribbons will be awarded.

Squad gets 50 calls

Volunteer members of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad responded to a total of 50 calls during the month of May. In doing so they traveled a total of 1,846 miles and spent 226 manhours. Three people were monitored on the EKG machine en route to the hospital and five people required oxygen.

A breakdown of the calls is as follows: heart attacks, 1; chest pains, 4; breathing difficulties, 6; transports, 9; overdoes, 2; broken bones, 1; falls, 5; seizures, 1; stroke, 4; neck injury, 1; back injury, 1; abominal pains, 2; gunshot wounds, 1; power sawcut, 1; smoke inhalation, 1; flu, 1; vertigo, 1; drunk, 1; stand-by, 1; cramp in legs, 1; miscellaneous, 4.

Senior discounts are available

The Senior Discount Aide will be at the Appomattox Nutrition Center on Route 460 June 16 (Tuesday) from 10 a.m. to noon to issue Senior Discount Cards to all senior citizens who are age 60 or older.

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